

STEAMER HIT
AND FOUNDERSNo Lives Lost But Narrow
Escapes for 22 Men

IN ROCKLAND, ME., HARBOR

The Belfast Rammed the James T. Morse
as the Latter Rested in Its Berth.
The Former Was Not Much
Damaged.

Rockland, Me., May 25.—The passenger steamer James T. Morse, running between Rockland and Bar Harbor, was rammed and sunk at her berth here today by the steamer Belfast. There were no passengers aboard the wrecked steamer, but there were 22 members of the crew. They had narrow escapes from drowning. The steamer Belfast was only slightly damaged.

CAUGHT GLIMPSE
OF THE COMETWatchers at Harvard Observatory Think
the Phenomenon Doesn't Amount to
Much at Present.

Boston, May 25.—Just at 8:30 last evening, when hopes were getting low, watchers at Harvard observatory picked up Halley's comet in the western sky, not far from the horizon, and were able to get a photograph of the astronomer-baiter before the wanderer was shut off from view. It was the first good glimpse of the comet since it passed between the sun and the earth, and not sufficiently satisfactory for Prof. Wendell and Pickering to care to talk of it.

There was a tail, but not much of one, and so indistinctly outlined against the sky that the watchers could not tell whether the bifurcation remains. The belief is constantly gaining ground that some million miles of tail were knocked off when they swept against the atmosphere of the earth, and that not until the head of the comet gets quite a distance away will it be thrown off enough sparks, or whatever they may be, to make a tail worth looking at.

An interesting discovery was made by Prof. O. C. Wendell, who saw through the observatory's largest telescope a jet of light, two or three minutes long, projecting toward the southwest from the nucleus—that is, somewhat toward the sun—while the tail itself was streaming to the east or away from the sun.

Theoretically, the comet was on view last evening from 7:07, when the sun set, until 10:45, when the head was due to disappear below the horizon. Also in theory, it could be seen just before 8 o'clock, when the moon was due to rise. In fact, the comet was seen at 8:30.

ONLY THREE COLLEGES LEFT.

Fight for the New England Intercollegiate
Championship Continues.

Boston, May 25.—The fight for the New England intercollegiate tennis championship continued yesterday at Dartmouth, Wesleyan and Williams. The first two have men each in the singles, and will meet today in the semi-finals in doubles, the winner to play Williams for the title in that section.

Three matches in singles, all of them well contested, were run off during the afternoon. The play in doubles in the afternoon.

The Dartmouth field had to work to put Technology out of the running in the doubles, and Williams found a lively pair from Amherst, each match going three sets. Wesleyan disposed of Bowdoin easily. The summary: Championship—Third round, completed. S. B. Smith, Dartmouth, beat H. L. Corey, Amherst, 7-5, 7-5. W. B. Holton, Wesleyan, beat T. B. Parker, Technology, 11-9, 8-4.

Championships doubles—Third round, completed. Williams beat Tufts by default. Wesleyan beat Bowdoin, 6-1, 6-1. Semi-finals—Williams beat, Amherst 1-6, 6-4, 8-4.

CANNONISM THE BIG ISSUE

In the Coming Campaign, if Cannon Re-
mains as Speaker.

Washington, D. C., May 25.—It has become apparent that Cannonism will be one of the big issues in the coming campaign. The powerful wing of the insurgents, the "conservatives," determined not to meet "Uncle Joe" this session, but to save him as the big issue in their fight for re-election. As extensively told by the United Press, they are confident that on this issue they will get Roosevelt's support.

The radical insurgents believe that Cannon should be ousted now, and the conservatives fear that if Cannon keeps up his abuse they will be unable to restrain the radicals. The Democrats are not worried, as they expect a majority in the next House, when they will name a Democratic speaker.

BOY SCALDS BABY TO DEATH.

Accidentally Drops Infant Into Tub of
Hot Water.

New York, May 25.—The effort of a small boy to amuse a neighbor's baby led to the infant's death in a tub of hot water yesterday afternoon. The little victim was Alice Alliger, 18 months old.

The police say that while Mrs. Alliger was hanging out clothes in the yard, Robert Cornell, who is 5 years old, turned on the water in the bathtub and lifted the baby up to watch it run. The baby slipped from his arm, and the boy, frightened, ran home. The infant was dead when found by the frantic mother.

AUTO TURNED OVER
AND KILLED ONE MANTwo Companions Were Also Seriously
Injured Near Manchester, N. H.,
Late Yesterday After-
noon.

Manchester, N. H., May 25.—Walter J. Gould, 30 years old, assistant superintendent of the Great Automobile Manufacturing company of Orange, Mass., was instantly killed and two companions seriously injured late yesterday afternoon, when a touring car, traveling about 30 miles an hour, turned turtle.

Gould arrived here yesterday morning with an automobile owned by Robert Schneider of West Manchester, which had been undergoing repairs at the Gould factory. In the afternoon, Gould and Schneider, accompanied by Alderman James E. McDonald, Charles M. Hecher and William Kastner, set out on a spin to Merrimack and back to try out the car.

On the way home from Merrimack, Gould, who was driving, and Schneider, were in the front seat, and the others occupied the tonneau. When they reached the Merrimack turnpike to Manchester, Gould increased the speed. Schneider said that they had attained a speed of 50 miles an hour when they suddenly came to a sharp turn in the road.

Gould saw the turn with only a second's time to shut off the power. He shot the car to one side of the road in order to make the bend without hitting a wall and was just swinging back, when the rear tires burst, the car toppled over, hurling Gould against a stone wall, and catching the others beneath it as it turned. The auto had gained such momentum, that, after it had been overturned, it scraped along the ground until it hit the wall and was wrecked.

Farmers from the nearby Darragh estate pulled the injured from under the machine and sent for Dr. G. H. Greeley of Merrimack. Dr. Greeley says that Gould must have died instantly. His skull was broken and his body mangled. McDonald, who was unconscious for some time, has numerous cuts and internal injuries. Schneider has broken ribs and concussion of the brain. Hecher and Kastner were not seriously injured.

WHEEL BROKE ON AUTO.

Joseph Knapp of Auburn Killed in Ac-
cident Near Vernon.

Upton, N. Y., May 25.—Joseph Knapp of Auburn was instantly killed and several others seriously hurt in an automobile accident, near the village of Vernon early last evening. The machine was owned by James Day of Syracuse, a member of the firm of Day Brothers, and was occupied by Mr. Day, Thomas E. Day of Syracuse, Mr. Knapp and a colored chauffeur. The car was speeding westward about 40 miles an hour when a wheel broke. The automobile capsize and then swerved right about, the occupants flying in different directions. The chauffeur was badly hurt, his back being seriously injured, while the two Syracuse boys were seriously bruised. The body of Mr. Knapp and the injured were removed to Onondaga.

CHINA THREATENED
WITH OUTBREAKMissionaries Alarmed and Will Con-
centrate Near Coast to Have Pro-
tection from Foreign Ships.

Soldiers Join Rioters.

LONDON, May 25.—Messages from the missionary society in China say that anti-foreign demonstrations are increasing and a widespread outbreak before autumn is inevitable. The situation is so serious that missionaries are considering the abandoning of outposts and concentrating near the coast, where the foreign ships can protect them. The gravest outbreaks are at Chuan Chia and Yi Yang. The Chinese soldiers usually join the rioters when sent to suppress them.

SENSATIONAL ARREST.

Brocton, Mass., Man Shot Himself as
Police Arrived.

Brocton, Mass., May 25.—Morris Jenkinson, aged 30, of 302 Montello street, placed a revolver to his head and fired just as liquor inspectors burst into his house last night. The course of the bullet was deflected, and at the Brocton hospital later it was said his injury was not serious.

Mrs. Jenkinson became hysterical and gave battle to several officers, who restrained her from following her husband in the police auto. She ran after the machine, hatless and shrieking. Her two daughters, Ethel, aged 5, and Celie, aged 4, tumbled along after her in tears. Two sons, the oldest of whom is 9, remained in the house.

SHOOTSELF IN HEART.

Ill Health Causes Waldoboro (Me.) Man's
Suicide.

Waldoboro, Me., May 25.—A small ride bullet directly through his heart and self-inflicted ended the sufferings of ill health of Memmie Lash yesterday. His body, stretched across the bed, was found by neighbors who, failing to see him about the premises, broke into the house. Mr. Lash was about 40 years of age and lived alone, having no family.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES CONFERENCE.

Newport, May 25.—Governor Proctor has called a conference of all parties interested in weights and measures at Montpelier on June 8. A general invitation is extended to all interested to attend, as the matter is of considerable importance.

COMING BACK
IN OCTOBERWith Proofs He Discovered
North Pole

INFORMATION ABOUT COOK

Secretary of Arctic Club Issued State-
ment To-day, in Which He Said
Cook's Friends Were in Com-
munication with Him.

New York, May 25.—Captain Bradley Osborn, secretary of the Arctic club and the closest friend of Dr. Frederick Cook, said today that Cook will return from Europe in October with positive proof that he discovered the north pole. Osborn said he was in constant communication with Cook, who was at Southampton, Eng., on April 7; also that his whereabouts is no mystery to his friends, but Cook would come into the public again until he can look any detractor in the face and say, "You're a damned liar."

Secretary Osborn says further that Cook won't go to Etah for his instruments, fearing the charge that he tampered with them; but the instruments will be secured and the proof that he discovered the north pole will be forthcoming.

TO RESTRAIN FOURTH.

Brattleboro Bailiffs Adopt Measures to
Govern Sales.

Brattleboro, May 25.—Brattleboro promises to go on record for a safe and sane Fourth of July, and the dealers who have ordered fireworks and other kinds of celebrating material in lots ranging in value from a few dollars to the value of a carload are indignant at the action of the bailiffs taken yesterday.

Nine dealers in fireworks have been notified that the statutes of Vermont make it a misdemeanor to sell fireworks, rockets or red fire or to have in their possession for sale. The bailiffs, through a letter signed by R. J. Waterman, chairman, have asked all the dealers to co-operate in observing the statute, "in order to minimize the danger to young people of the town, which occurs every Fourth of July."

Mr. Waterman says in his letter: "To this end we have decided to prohibit the selling of fireworks larger than 2 1/2 inches in length and one inch in diameter, pistols, cannons, canes and other appliances using black cartridges, percussion caps and torpedoes larger than three-fourths of an inch in diameter." While this order will not affect the dealer in wholesale lots, the small dealer who purchased his season's stock several months ago and cannot cancel his order now, is hard hit.

Not only do the bailiffs propose to regulate the sale of dangerous explosives, but the sale of fireworks of any nature will not be permitted to be made at retail this year, except during the day of July 4. This means that the police department will see that no dealer sells any celebrating material before midnight July 3 or later than midnight July 4.

One wholesale house has a carload of fireworks due to arrive within a few days. This house has always sold goods at retail, but this year the manager says that the retail business will practically amount to nothing, as people desire to secure their stock of fireworks in advance of the day of use.

MORE TESTIMONY

Given by Spitzer in the Investigation
To-day.

New York, May 25.—That the trial of the sugar frauds led directly to the late Henry O. Havemeyer was the declaration of Spitzer when he resumed the stand in the federal court in the case against Helke and others. Clarence Lexow examined Spitzer, who denied the proposition and said he had decided to tell the truth to ease his conscience. Lexow asked: "Did you not at the first trial excuse yourself for your refusal to tell all by saying that if you did the trial would lead the district attorney to the cemetery? Didn't you mean by that to refer to the late Havemeyer?" Spitzer answered: "That is what I told you what I meant." Washington Tribune, president of the trust, set in court all day under subpoena. District Attorney Stimson refusing his request for leave of absence to attend to pressing business.

FATHER AND SON GUILTY.

Will Receive Penalty for Bringing in
Liquor from Massachusetts.

Brattleboro, May 25.—Charles A. Deyo and son, Albert C. Deyo, of this town were found guilty in Windham county court yesterday of transporting liquor from Massachusetts to this state. The penalty is a fine not less than \$250 and not more than \$500 with an alternative sentence in the house of correction.

HORSE JUMPS FENCE.

Throws Occupants Out of Their Car-
riage.

Franklin, N. H., May 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Robinson were thrown from their carriage last night on Pleasant street and badly bruised.

They were driving down the steep hill when they met a big touring car that frightened their horse into running away. The animal bolted over a fence at the foot of the street and the occupants of the carriage were thrown out.

They were taken in the automobile to the Franklin hospital and were later removed to their home on the Glenwood avenue. The horse was caught.

JUDGES HONORED
AT BANQUET75th Anniversary of Judge J. W. Row-
ell and Ex-Judges H. H. Powers
and J. M. Tyler. Occasion of
Pleasant Gathering.

About eighty members of the State Bar association met at the Pavilion hotel in Montpelier last night in honor of Chief Justice John W. Rowell and ex-judges Henry H. Powers of Morrisville and James M. Tyler of Brattleboro. Following a banquet, C. G. Austin, president of the Bar association, opened the postprandial exercises with a speech, paying high tribute to the guests of honor.

When Judge Rowell arose, he was greeted with loud applause. He thanked his fellow members of the bar for this evidence of their friendliness on the occasion of his 75th anniversary and gave an interesting review of the customs of the courts when he was appointed to the bench, 28 years ago. He gave a general summary of the many changes which have entered court usage during the time from then to now and offered suggestions for further improvement in the future.

Judge Powers and Tyler paid tribute to the work of Judge Rowell and expressed their thanks to the members of the bar for the pleasant occasion of last night's meeting. Judge Powers, in recommending the work of Judge Rowell, said he had the authority to state that the latter was tendered the appointment to succeed the late Senator Morrill.

Many who could not be present sent letters of congratulation, among the writers being T. S. Peck, F. L. Fish, F. C. Southgate, Eliza May, Senator W. P. Dillingham, Charles H. Darling, Charles A. Proctor, Congressman E. J. Foster and Judge Wendell P. Stafford. The letters were read by Col. J. H. Minnes.

Judge Minnes is the man standing next in length of term of service to Judge Rowell and he spoke of his pleasant association with the senior judge. Judge A. A. Hall, speaking along the same line, other speakers were Alexander Donnet, Charles C. Fitts, who spoke in place of Attorney General Sargent, John Young of Newport, T. W. Meloney of Rutland, one of the younger members of the bar, and J. H. Senter of Montpelier, who thought the birth of Judge Rowell at the time of the travel of Halley's comet, 73 years ago, was one of the happy coincidences of Governor Ormiston spoke briefly in appreciation of the three judges in whose honor the banquet was held and Rev. M. F. Blomfield closed the evening's exercises with an eloquent speech.

WOULD NOT COMPEL

Appointment of License Commissioners
Says Vermont Supreme Court.

The petition of State Attorney J. C. Jones of Rutland county asking for a writ of mandamus to compel the assistant judges of Rutland county to appoint a board of license commissioners for the town of Brattleboro was denied yesterday by the Vermont supreme court. This has no bearing on the fact that the assistant judges appointed commissioners on Monday, after the case was heard and before the opinion was rendered.

In rendering the opinion, which was read by Judge John H. Watson, the court says:

"When a town or city votes for license, it is by statute made the duty of the assistant judges of the county court, within a specified time, whether the license is to be granted or not, to appoint a board of license commissioners for the town or city so voting; but it is clear that this duty is not merely ministerial. Its proper performance involves the exercise of official judgment and sound discretion in selecting for appointment men suitable for the position; consequently the duty is quasi-judicial in nature. In the discharge of which neither the exercise of that discretion nor the decision finally to be given can be controlled by mandamus. Richards v. Wheeler, 2 Ark 369; Cox v. United States, 9 Wall 208, 19 L. ed. 579.

"Neither of the respondents alone has the power of appointment; and neither, acting conscientiously and on his own judgment, is able to agree with the other on the person to be appointed. In such circumstances this court will not by mandate compel either, contrary to his own sense of what is right and just in the matter, to adopt the judgment of the other instead of his own, and thereby co-operate in making appointments which he believes to be unsuitable and not in accordance with the faithful discharge of his duties as contemplated by law. See United States v. Lawrence, 3 Dall 42, 1 L. ed. 602.

ENGINE STRUCK SMALL BOY.

Was Playing on Track—Concussion of
Brain Feared.

St. Johnsbury, May 25.—Playing on the track near the Padlock village crossing in this place, Howard Thomas, the eight-year-old son of H. S. Thomas, was struck by a shifting engine yesterday afternoon. He was thrown several feet and a bad gash was inflicted on his head. He was taken home unconscious and concussion of the brain is feared.

MANIA FOR BICYCLES.

William Neff, Aged 10, Sent Over for
Burlington Again.

Burlington, May 25.—William Neff, a 10-year-old boy, was placed in jail yesterday afternoon, charged with stealing a bicycle on Sunday from the Rev. G. V. Bliss. The boy rode the bicycle to Vergennes, where he was apprehended. Neff has stolen two or three bicycles and has been at the industrial school at Vergennes.

RAIL OF \$1,500.

For Charles H. Ladd, Charged with Crimi-
nal Assault.

St. Albans, May 25.—In city court yesterday, Charles H. Ladd, a Franklin farmer, aged 47, was given a preliminary hearing on an alleged criminal assault on Ruby Dunham, an 11-year-old girl. Ladd was held under \$1,500 bonds for trial at the September term of Franklin county court.

HUGE HOTEL
DESTROYEDThe Champlain on Western
Shore of Lake Champlain

ONE LIFE PROBABLY LOST

To-day's Loss Estimated at \$1,500,000.
The Hotel Was Being Renovated for
the Season and Was Not Occu-
pied Except by Employees.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., May 25.—The hotel Champlain, located at Bluff point, a short distance from this city, was burned this morning, and the loss is estimated at \$1,500,000. The season had not opened, and consequently there were no guests in the hotel; but there were sixty employees sleeping in the building. All of the sixty are thought to have escaped with the exception of the electrician, Herbert, who is believed to have perished in the flames. The hotel was just being renovated, preparatory to opening for the summer. The Champlain was the largest on Lake Champlain and one of the largest in eastern New York.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Vermont Fish and Game Society, which was held at Bluff point on September 18.

\$15,000 FIRE LOSS
AT ST. JOHNSBURYGriswold & Mackinnon Grist Mill and
Contents Suffered Heavily Yester-
day Afternoon from Fire and
Water.

St. Johnsbury, May 25.—The entire department was called out yesterday afternoon for a fire in Griswold & Mackinnon grist mill. The loss to the building will not exceed \$200, but the loss on contents may total over \$15,000 from smoke and water. The building is four stories high and the fire carried about \$40,000 insurance on the building and contents.

The fire is thought to have started from a hot box in the elevator shaft and smoke was first seen from the top windows. The fire department did good work and kept the fire confined to the top floor and roof of the elevator shaft.

TAPT KNEW BARRE.

When Party Was Being Introduced as
from the "Granite City."

Arthur S. Martin and party and H. J. Skayton and party returned last night from an automobile tour of 1,495 miles, with Washington, D. C., as the objective point, having been away from Barre since May 7. They report a first-rate trip throughout and many nights of interest. In speaking of the roads, Mr. Martin said today that the Vermont roads would average very well with those of other states; there were some better and some much worse than in Vermont. Not a single mishap occurred to their automobiles, a Cadillac and a Ford, except occasional punctures of tires, which they had expected and were partially prepared against.

On the trip south, they went through New Haven, Conn. to New York City, spending three days in the latter city; thence to Philadelphia and straight to Washington, being in the latter city five days. They had a very enjoyable time in the capital. One day they were entertained at luncheon by Congressman Frank Plumley, and afterwards all hands were escorted by Mr. Plumley to the White House, where they had the privilege of shaking hands with President Taft.

When Congressman Plumley introduced the party from the "Granite City," President Taft exclaimed: "Oh, yes, Barre; I've been there."

On the return trip to Barre the party went to Harrisburg, then to Easton, Pa., through the Delaware gap to Kingston, N. Y., across New York state to Bennington; then north to Rutland and across the mountains to Barre, arriving here at about nine o'clock last night. Mr. Martin's party included his family and with Mr. Skayton were Mrs. Skayton and Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Cole.

BARRE MAN IN COURT

Said He Was Thomas Stewart, Appealed
Intoxication Conviction.

Winooski, May 25.—In municipal court yesterday morning Thomas Stewart of Barre was fined \$15 and costs for a first offense of intoxication. He took an appeal but was unable to furnish bail and was remanded to jail. Henry Duquie, and Jules Hearns, who were arrested by the police for creating a disturbance in the mill park Monday evening, were fined \$5 and costs, which they paid.

MAPLE SUGAR SEIZED

It Is Alleged the Sugar Was Smuggled
from Canada.

Rutland, May 25.—It was learned yesterday that L. S. Mitchell Robert W. Bailey of this city, sent a carload of 30,200 pounds of maple sugar at Enosburgh Falls last week, and the shipment is still in the custody of the federal authorities. Lee Hicks is alleged to have been connected with the smuggling of the maple sugar from Canada into this country.

NONE GIVEN WORK.

At the International Paper Company's
Plant in Milton.

Milton, May 25.—None of the strikers has been given work yet at the pulp mill of the International Paper company since the strike was declared off, although the men all applied for work, as ordered by their head officials.

CLOSED WITH BANQUET.

Layman's League of Universalist Church
Held Last Evening.

The annual business meeting and banquet of the Layman's league of the Universalist church was held in the vestry of the church last evening, a delegation of members of the league of the Church of the Messiah in Montpelier, with their wives, being present as guests of the evening. At the business meeting which preceded the banquet, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, C. F. Miller, vice president, F. T. Cutler; secretary, A. A. Stebbins; treasurer, E. M. Cutler; program committee, Frank W. Jackson, C. T. Southgate, A. S. Martin. It was proposed to hold a union picnic of the Montpelier and Barre leagues some time during the coming summer, arrangements for the same being left with a committee.

E. W. Bisbee presided at the after-dinner exercises, when the following toasts were responded to in the order following: "Layman's League in Possibility," H. C. Whitaker; "Greetings from the Universalist Layman's League of Montpelier," Prof. E. S. Abbott; "Compliment Returned," F. W. Jackson; "The Modern Church," Rev. W. R. Clark of Montpelier; "The Pastors' Appreciation," Rev. E. C. Downey; "Prospective," C. F. Miller, the newly elected president. The responses were interspersed with instrumental music by Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gould and daughter, a vocal solo by Dr. D. C. Jarvis and a vocal solo by Mrs. C. E. Scott.

In his response, Mr. Whitaker gave a brief resume of the league's history, closing with a stirring appeal to increased activity in spreading the gospel of the brotherhood of man. Rev. W. R. Clark of Montpelier gave a sound and practical talk on the duties of the modern church. In the course of his remarks, he predicted, in the near future, a decrease in the dangers attending the daily routine of the granite worker's occupation and the removal of certain conditions which tend to shorten his life.

With the admission of four new members, the meeting adjourned, thus ending one of the most enjoyable social functions which the league has yet arranged.

BARRE'S OLDEST
CELEBRATES 95 YEARSAlvin F. Smith of West Street Is Pretty
Well in Spite of Advanced Age.Was Raised in Vermont
Hills.

"There, you can say you saw the oldest man you ever saw shave himself," declared Alvin F. Smith of 19 West street this morning, as he started out to celebrate his 95th birthday. "It takes the barbers too long," he explained, as he wiped the razor and put it away for the next service, and then he pointed out what a clean job of it he had done, in spite of his years.

Thus, after rising shortly after five o'clock and having his breakfast at six, Barre's oldest resident started out on his birthday. The weather was poor as that hour, but Mr. Smith had promised himself that if the sun came out he was going to follow the plan outlined for the celebration; and with a chuckle he said that during the course of the day he was going to do just what he had never done before, and that was to go into a grocery store and order up a plate of ice cream and then to a drug store and say to the man behind the counter, "Gimme a drink out of your fountain," and he was then going to sit down and enjoy it.

"I think I'm old enough, don't you?" he inquired. "I've been pretty regular in my habits, but I'm going to break over to-day," he added.

He generally goes down to Montpelier on his birthdays, but he didn't feel quite strong enough to-day for the jaunt. However, he is remarkably well for his years and troubles about the streets as brightly as many men thirty years younger. During the last year he had not felt as well as usual, but he hasn't missed a meal for two years and he hasn't felt had enough in four years to have a doctor. "I get up at five, have breakfast at six, dinner at noon and supper at five; but my appetite ain't good," he told his caller.

Mr. Smith was raised in the Vermont hills, having been born May 25, 1815, in Brookfield, near North Randolph. His parents were Adin and Lydia (Waterman) Smith. Alvin was the eldest of nine children and, with the exception of one sister, Mary L. Smith, who married William Newton, is the only survivor. Mr. Newton is 79 years old. Their father lived to be 79 and their mother to be 84. Four of the brothers went to the war of the rebellion and never returned. Alvin was barred by age and physical disabilities at the time.

He was twice married, his first wife being Susan Lewis of Northfield, who died in January, 1844. In 1863, he married Vienna M. Williams of Northfield, and she died in 1881. There are five children surviving, Emory L., Sanford S. and Edwin F. Smith, all of this city; Alvin J. Smith, living near Boston, and Mrs. Julia Bailey, wife of Theron Bailey of Royal, Iowa, formerly of Berlin.

One of Mr. Smith's privileges last March was to vote at the spring election, friends coming after him with a team and carrying him to and from the polling place in his ward. He expects to get out on foot more when the weather moderates. "I catch cold every time the weather changes," he said this morning, "and I have to be pretty careful."

W. E. JACKSON GIVEN
ALDRICH CONTRACTTo Erect a Three-story Building on the
Lot Where National Bank of Barre
Now Stands.

The trustees of the Aldrich public library fund met last evening and opened bids for the construction of a new three-story block at the junction of Main, Washington and Elm streets, where the old National bank building now stands. W. E. Jackson of Montpelier was the lowest bidder, and the contract was awarded to him. Mr. Jackson came up to Barre this forenoon and signed the contract for the erection of the block, which is to be of brick, similar in color to those in the library building. The work of construction will begin as soon as possible.

WILL RETAIN
OLD TAX RATEBarre City Council Voted for
\$2.30 Last Night

A 30-CENT SINKING FUND

The Aldermen Decided to Do Nothing
About the Union Label on City's
Printing, on Ground That It
Would Not Be Wise.

The city's tax rate for the year 1910 will be \$2.30, a resolution establishing this rate being adopted at a special meeting of the city council held last evening. This rate is the same as last year. The several tax rates levied on the grand list making up the total rate are as follows: State school tax, 8 cents; state highway tax, 1 cent; city tax, 1 cent; city highway tax, 20 cents; city school tax, 70 cents; city sinking fund tax, 30 cents; general city tax, 96 cents; total, \$2.30.

Several other matters of minor importance were brought up before the council by the aldermen. Alderman Brown stated that the charity committee had sent Michael Sartorelli to the state hospital at Waterbury for safe keeping until a hearing could be held on the petition for his being committed to the asylum permanently and that the committee now had in its hands three dogs which Sartorelli owned. He said that the dogs were now at the place where Sartorelli had been boarding, and the committee did not know whether they were responsible for their safekeeping or not. It was finally decided that the charity committee should see to their being kept until after it was settled whether their owner was to be committed to the asylum.

On motion of Alderman Hoyt, it was voted that the Pentecostal church society should pay by the month its rent for the room it occupies in the old city building, instead of leasing the room for a year, as has been done formerly. Alderman Willey also stated that the property committee had decided that the roof of the old city building did not need to be re-covered this year, and they were having it patched up where it was most needed.

Alderman Brown stated that Mrs. Dolister objected to giving a right of way to the proposed foot bridge over the river near Glenwood avenue, and after some discussion it was left with the streets committee to see what arrangements could be made with other property owners in the vicinity in regard to getting a right of way.

Alderman Thurston brought up the matter of moving the Merle house from its present location at the entrance to the Hope cemetery grounds. The house was purchased last winter by the cemetery commissioners and turned over to the city with the understanding that the city should move away. It was voted to refer the matter to the committee of the whole to decide upon where the building should be moved to and report.

UNWISSE TO BIND CITY.

The regular meeting of the board of aldermen was also held last evening and was of short duration, as there was but little business to dispose of. The printing committee reported on the matter of the Barre central labor union for the city to authorize all of its printing jobs contracted for done at a union shop and bear the label of the typographical union, that they considered it would be unwise for the city to bind itself to any particular party and furthermore they deemed this request by the central labor union unnecessary and unbecoming for all of the city's printing for several years past had been let to union printers. On motion of Alderman Willey, the report of the committee was adopted and ordered placed on file.

On recommendation of the building inspector, building permits were ordered granted to Rial Bros. to erect an office building at their granite plant on Blackwell street and to E. Fessenden to erect a barn at 5 Elliston street. The Consolidated Lighting company was granted permission to set a pole on Academy street. On motion of Alderman Ross, the application of L. R. Holmes for a restaurant license at 205 North Main street was referred to the license committee to investigate and report. A resolution appropriating \$770 from the street department for the purchase of three horses for use of the department was read and passed to a second reading.

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